Supply of cement to Andhra Pradesh

80. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the actual requirement of cement in Andhra Pradesh and actual quantity supplied during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) whether it is a fact that supply of cement to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years has been far below its requirements ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons thereof and what action Government propose to take to meet full requirement of Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) The requirement, allocation and despatches of levy cement to Andhra Pradesh under the State quota including irrigation and power projects during the last three years have been as under :—

(Lakh tonnes)

Year	Total requirement received from the State Government	Allocation	Despatches	Percentage of despatches to allocation
1982-83	14.18	9.89	8.06	81%
1983-84	11.23	10.08	7.87	78%
1984-85	10.27	10.22	9.81	96%

Considering the limited overall availability of levy cement in the country, level of despatches to Andhra Pradesh was satisfactory.

Licences for manufacture of explosives

81. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criteria under the Explosive Rules for granting licences for manufacture of explosives ;

(b) what precautions are taken by Government under the Rules to check that the party applying for a licence will not misuse the licence;

(c) the details of the checks exercised by Government after granting licence that the manufacturer is not misusing the licence ;

(d) the details of such licences sanctioned during the last one year ; and

(e) the details of manufacturers who were caught misusing their licences during the period and action taken by Government against therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Grant of licences for the manufacture of explosives is regulated by Sections 6A and 6B of the Explosives Act, 1884. Detailed procedure for the grant of licences is given under Rule 154 to 157 of Explosives Rules, 1983.

(b) Before any licence to the manufacturer is given procedure/